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**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 9-17, 19, 21-23, 25-34, and 36 without prejudice or disclaimer.

The foregoing amendments to the claims are reflected in the following listing of claims, which replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) An isolated peptide comprising the amino acid sequence defined under SEQ ID NO: 1 or amino acid sequence derived therefrom by deletion, substitution or insertion of 1 to 5 amino acid residues or a salt of said peptide, wherein the peptide does not comprise the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 31 or SEQ ID NO: 32 and wherein the peptide has cortistatin or somatostatin activity.

2. (Previously presented) A peptide as claimed in Claim 1 which comprises the amino acid sequence defined under SEQ ID NO: 1 or an amino acid sequence derived therefrom by deletion or substitution of 1 to 5 amino acid residues.

3. (Original) A peptide as claimed in Claim 1 which comprises the amino acid sequence defined under SEQ ID NO: 1.

4. (Original) A peptide as claimed in Claim 1 which comprises the amino acid sequence defined under SEQ ID NO: 2.

5. (Original) A peptide as claimed in Claim 1 which comprises the amino acid sequence defined under SEQ ID NO: 3.

6. (Previously presented) An isolated peptide having the amino acid sequence defined under any of SEQ ID NO: 35 to SEQ ID NO: 38 or SEQ ID NO: 41 or a salt of said peptide, wherein the peptide has cortistatin or somatostatin activity.

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7. (Previously presented) A peptide as claimed in Claim 1 which comprises the amino acid sequence defined under SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, or SEQ ID NO: 7.

8. (Canceled).

18. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition which comprises the peptide or salt claimed in Claim 1.

20. (Canceled).

24. (Previously presented) A kit for screening for a compound, or a salt thereof, which is capable of modifying the binding of the peptide or salt claimed in Claim 1 to a receptor for said peptide or salt, or a fragment peptide of said receptor, which kit comprises the peptide or salt claimed in Claim 1.

35. (Previously presented) An isolated peptide comprising the amino acid sequence defined under any one of SEQ ID NO: 1 to SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 35 to SEQ ID NO: 38 and SEQ ID NO: 41 and having cortistatin or somatostatin activity.

36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously presented) An isolated peptide comprising (i) the amino acid sequence defined under any one of SEQ ID NO: 4 to SEQ ID NO: 7 or (ii) the amino acid sequence derived from the amino acid sequence defined under any one of and SEQ ID NO: 4 to SEQ ID NO: 7 by deletion of the C-terminal Lys.